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CITY BEATEN OFF IN ANNEX BID

1488 Sign Protests to City's Move

The city's bid to expand its boundaries to embrace a huge area north of El Camino College between Prarie Ave. and Van Ness failed this week when a grocery carton of protests, purported to contain protests from 65 per cent of the owners of property and a substantial majority of the residents, was handed to Deputy City Clerk Robert Carleson. The council was told that 1488 protests were made out of about 2200 total.

Attempts to inject technical points into the proceedings which might have permitted the council to disallow them on the ground that they didn't comply with the fine points of a new law were rebuffed by councilmen.

"If THESE people don't want in, I say let's bid them good-night, and say 'We'll see you around,'" Councilman Willys Blount said.

"If it takes a motion, I'll make it," he added.

Asst. City Atty. Robert Dower had opened an attempt to show that Mrs. Allen T. Palmer, a resident of the area proposed for annexation, had circulated a petition without complying with all the laws on circulators of petitions.

ATTORNEY ROBERT Beverly, representing Mrs. Palmer and other residents, disputed the claim, saying residents were not submitting petitions but individual letters of protest.

The protest by residents which ended the Torrance annexation try now opens the way for Lawndale to annex the whole area up to Rosecrans and Van Ness, Dower said. The same warning had been sounded by William Sterling, president of the El Camino Civic Assn., who said the balance of the area could outvote those who did not desire to be annexed to Lawndale.

BEFORE ENDING the matter, Mayor Albert Isen told the residents of the area at the meeting that "this council doesn't have an imperialistic

policy, and I think we can prove it tonight."

The council didn't require substantiation of the protests, apparently determining by weight alone that the majority of the residents of the area preferred their present lot to that of being attached by a thread of land to the All-America city of Torrance.

Steak Fry To Greet About 300

Nearly 300 persons will be on hand at Torrance Municipal Park this afternoon at 4:30 to greet 242 new Torrance teachers at the annual "Welcome New Teachers Steak Fry," under sponsorship of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and its Downtown Retail Merchants Division, according to President R. S. Pyle.

The Chamber's education committee chairman, Dick Herbert, will MC the brief program following a meal of 14-oz. New York steaks, prepared and served by the famous Douglas Aircraft Management Club's Bar-B-Q "team."

Brief words of greeting will be extended by Mayor Albert Isen, J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools; William C. Boswell, school board president; Rev. William Schatz, Torrance Ministerial Association president; Abe Robinson, president Downtown Retail Merchants, and Pyle.

Local markets, who are co-operating on the project are A&P Market, Thriftmart, Von's, Magic Chef Market, and Foods Co.



TAKE YOUR PICK . . . One of these lovely ladies will be chosen as queen of the Walteria Roundup Friday night at the Polynesian Restaurant. From left to right these South High students are: Michelle Schonert, Shelley

Lessin, Sachi Ishihara, Terry Taylor, Susan Johnson, Marilyn Wallace, Donna Dreiling, Marie Acosta and Judi Tye. The Walteria celebration will be climaxed Sunday with a day-long outing in Walteria Park. (Herald Photo)

Council Delays On Gift

Public Works Director Wade Peebles was evasive in his praise for the offer of \$80,000 worth of shrubs and trees to the city by the Del Amo Estates Co. after an on-the-spot inspection of the material this week, but his enthusiasm was apparently dimmed as far as the city council is concerned by his request for \$15,000 to start a moving program.

The council, at its meeting Tuesday, put its decision on accepting the offer over for another week to give it some additional study.

"WE IN PUBLIC works feel perfectly capable of relocating these specimen trees and shrubs with our own city forces," Peebles said in a report handed to the councilmen just before their meeting Tuesday.

"Under a more or less 'miniature crash program' requiring some overtime, and as something of this nature is difficult to pin down from a cost standpoint, what I would like to request at this time is that the honorable city council appropriate \$15,000 for what we might term 'Phase 1' of this project," he stated.

PEEBLES HASTILY pointed out that it would not be fair to consider that the \$15,000 would be the cost of moving the Phase 1 trees, estimated to be worth about \$23,000 on their present site.

"A great deal of expense will be absorbed later on in the program," he said, indicating that re-use of boxes, and the added knowledge of public works department employees would cut the cost of later operations.

SOME OF THE trees must be removed within the next 30 to 60 days, the council has been told. The move is apparently a part of land clearing operations in the Del Amo Nurseries area near Del Amo Blvd. and Alameda.

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NEW TEACHERS, some 240

Nearly 27,000 Students Due Back in Schools Wednesday

Nearly 27,000 youngsters are expected back in classrooms in the Torrance Unified School District next Wednesday. This represents an increase of about 2000 or seven per cent over last year.

Two new schools — Towers, 5800 Towers St., and Madison, 17515 Amie Ave. — will hike the number of schools in the district to 33. When the district started in 1947, there were only five schools and 2000 students.

strong, will report to their buildings on Thursday, Sept. 8, for orientation sessions. They will be honored at a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored steak fry at Torrance Park Thursday night and at a Torrance Education Assn. breakfast on Friday morning.

The remainder of the 1000-person teaching staff will return on Monday, Sept. 12, for pre-school sessions. The group will hear Superintendent J. H. Hull in a meeting on Tuesday at the Torrance High School and Dr. Theodore Clymer, noted author and educator from the University of Minnesota, in a talk on Tuesday. Teachers will get ready for the return of students on Wednesday.

FRESHMEN AT the three high schools will report on Tuesday, Sept. 13, for orientation sessions, with North High's program to start at 8 a.m.; South High's at 1 p.m.; and Torrance High's at 2 p.m. Buses will pick up students at all scheduled stops about 20 minutes before the sessions begin. They will leave seven minutes after the programs are over.

Downtown Bank Opens Sept. 16

Major steps in Security First National Bank's expansion and modernization program throughout Southern California were announced this week.

Security officials revealed grand opening plans for one of the two branches now under construction in the community of Torrance, where the bank recently (August 19) opened its 248th office at 190th and Anza.

The first day of business for the bank's new branch in downtown Torrance, 1347 El Prado Avenue, is set for Friday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Open house festivities will include a Treasure Chest of transistor radios and cash prizes, Flip the Clown, refreshments, balloons and samples of the bank's merchandise.

Of contemporary design by Adrian Wilson & Associates, the exterior will have large

glass view panels, face brick and ornamental steel pilasters. Complete banking accommodations will be offered including safe deposit, escrow, savings, loans and trust. Ray V. Anderson is the builder.

The Security announcement also reported that construction on the bank's 174th & Crenshaw branch is progressing on schedule. Plans now call for an opening date in the spring of 1961.

The bank's Southern California modernization and expansion program includes five rebuilt or relocated branches, 13 new branches and 15 remodeled branches opened so far this year. For the remainder of 1960, plans call for eight new, 14 remodeled and six relocated branches to be opened.

Security Bank now has 246 branches in Southern California and is the sixth largest bank in the nation.

Staffing the schools will be some 1000 certified persons and about 500 non-teaching employees. Officials expect about 21,300 elementary and 5550 high school students by Oct. 1, when enrollments usually are completed.

Principals at the three high schools indicated that they would make every effort to eliminate hazing this year and urged parents to discourage their children from this practice.

Demos To See Jack

A busload of Torrance Democrats will leave local headquarters at 1607 Cabrillo Ave. tomorrow evening to attend a major campaign appearance of Sen. Jack Kennedy in Los Angeles tomorrow evening.



DRIVER ESCAPES . . . Eighteen-year-old Dennys Pointon, of 21518 Scannel Ave., escaped serious injuries Sunday morning when his late model auto was demolished by a Santa Fe train at Carson St. and Madrid Ave. Pointon told police that he failed to see the approaching train because the sun was in his eyes. (Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"If you could do it over again, what kind of education would you seek to attain? In what field?"

Replying were: Mrs. Ruby Erwin, 20402 Kenwood, nurse.

"If I had it to do over, I would take more foreign languages for one thing. It would certainly help with our foreign relations now. I'd go on as far as I possibly could in school and I'd advise any child to get as much education as he could. They need every bit they can get now days."

Mrs. Diele Morefield, 805 1/2 W. 220th St., housewife.

"I'd go into nursing if I had it to do over again because I like to take care of sick people. I'm from Tennessee and

back there the children were taken out of school and put to work much younger. I'd get all the education I could get, especially in the field of nursing."

G. L. Hudson, 1652 W. 204th St., retired railroad worker.

"My father was injured when I was quite young so being the oldest child I had to leave school and help support the family. If I could do it over, I'd get as good an education as I could and I think it would have been in the field of construction or engineering for that is where my interest was."

Comdr. T. B. Moulger, 1222 Portola Ave., retired Naval officer.

"I'd do just as I have done. After 31 years in the Navy, I am retired and the experiences I've had are priceless. All the wonderful people all over the world that I have met have been an education in themselves and words just can't begin to express it or do it justice."

Mrs. John D. Wilson, 1681 W. 251st St., Harbor City, housewife.

"I'd certainly try to get more education than I did get. I'd choose a good college where I could learn business machines and shorthand and go into the secretarial field because I think I would like to do that sort of work."

Sump To Be Filled

A drainage sump adjacent to the Calle Mayor Elementary School which claimed the life of a 10-year-old neighborhood boy last year has been ordered filled by the Board of Education. A new sump will impound waters from the area.



"PORTABLE" SCHOOL TO OPEN . . . Principal John McGee and Clerk Betty Chronister get ready for the opening of Madison Elementary School, 17515 Amie Ave. next Wednesday. Madison, which will welcome about 470 students, is one of two new elementary schools which will open in Torrance. Madison is of all-steel construction and is designed to be "portable"—movable if the nature of the area changes in the future.